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SUBJ: VISIT OF JOHN FOSTER, PRESIDENT OF AECL

1. THE FOLLOWING ERDA (SIEVERING) MESSAGE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO JOHN FOSTER, AECL, NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 11.

"THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO A TELEPHONE DISCUSSION BETWEEN YOU AND MR. MCDONOUGH OF MY STAFF OF FEBRUARY 5 CONCERNING A WASHINGTON MEETING BETWEEN ERDA AND AECL. IT WAS INDICATED TO YOU THAT WE WOULD SEND OUR SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR YOUR REVIEW AND THE FOLLOWING IS NOW BEING PROPOSED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

1. CANDU POWER REACTOR PROGRAM

A. ON JANUARY 22, 1976, ERDA FORWARDED TO YOU A COPY OF THE ANL REPORT OF DECEMBER 1975 ENTITLED: "A BRIEF SURVEY OF CONSIDERATION INVOLVED IN INTRODUCING CANDU REACTORS INTO THE U.S." WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AECL'S COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT.

B. THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT AECL COULD MAKE TO A DEFINITIVE STUDY AS OUTLINED IN SECTION III OF THE AFOREMENTIONED REPORT
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IF ERDA DECIDES THAT ANL SHOULD PROCEED WITH THIS STUDY.

(NOTE-AS STATED IN M. WHITMAN'S LETTER TO YOU OF JANUARY 22, 1976, ERDA INTENDS TO ASSESS COMMENTS ON THE DECEMBER 1975 ANL REPORT FROM U.S. LIGHT WATER MANUFACTURES BUT TO DATE, NO FORMAL COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.)

C. A THORIUM-U233 FUEL CYCLE FOR THE CANDU REACTOR.

2. RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

A. PRESENTATION OF CURRENT U.S. WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

B. POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF EXISTING COOPERATION INTO NEW AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE NEW AREA COULD BE TERMINAL STORAGE OF HIGH LEVEL WASTES IN GEOLOGIC FORMATION OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE U.S. AND CANADA.

C. CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL WASTE MEETING IN DENVER, COLORADO, IN JULY, 1976.

3. EXPLORE OTHER POSSIBLE AREAS FOR COOPERATION

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23 WAS MENTIONED TO YOU ON FEBRUARY 5 AS A POSSIBLE TIME PERIOD FOR A MEETING; HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF UN-FORESEEN PROBLEMS BY SEVERAL ERDA PARTICIPANTS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING ON MARCH 4. WE SINCERELY REGRET THIS DELAY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS ON OUR ABOVE PROPOSED AGENDA AND WOULD WELCOME OTHER TOPICS YOU MAY WISH TO ADD. IF YOU WISH TO VISIT NRC DURING YOUR WASHINGTON VISIT, WE WILL BE GLAD TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS." KISSINGER

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